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A BRIEF NARRATIVE OF *The late Treacherous and Horrid* DESIGNE,

Which by the great Bleſſing and eſpeciall Providence of God hath been lately diſcovered:

And for which, Publike Thankſgiving is by Order of both Houſes of Parliament appointed on Thurſday the 15. of June, 1643.

TOGETHER WITH

A true Copie of the Commiſsion, under the great Seal, ſent from Oxford, *to ſeverall perſons in the Citie of* LONDON.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament, That this Narration and Commiſſion be read in all Churches and Chappels, in the Cities of London *and* Weſtminſter, *and Suburbs thereof, on the day aboveſaid.*

H. Elſynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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A brief Narrative of the late Treacherous and horrid Deſigne.

AFter a continuall ſucceſſion of ſecret Conſpiracies and open violences, Plotted and attempted againſt *The true Proteſtant Religion, Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom*, there hath of late riſen up, under the plauſible Pretences of *Moderation* and *Peace*, a moſt dangerous and wicked Plot of divers perſons, to joyn themſelves with the Armies raiſed by the King, and to deſtroy the Forces raiſed by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, to ſurpriſe the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter* with the Suburbs, and by Arms to force the Parliament; and in a word, *To have delivered up Religion, Parliament, Citie and Kingdom*, into the meer will and pleaſure of the King, now in the hands of moſt deſperate and pernicious Councellours.

Towards the effecting whereof;

There was framed a mixture and conjunction of Perſons of ſeverall qualities, ſome whereof were of both Houſes of Parliament; others of the Court and of the Citie, who were in their reſpective Places and Imployments to form and perfect this Work, raiſed out of the Aſhes of the late Petition of *London* for Peace.

The Method obſerved by them for the Conduct and carrying on their Deſigne, was firſt for ſeverall perſons in the City, to diſpoſe of themſelves into a Committee, being thoſe who had been principall Movers and Fomenters of that Petition.

The part that this Committee was chiefly to act, was;

Firſt, To hold intelligence with both Armies, Court, and Parliament.

Secondly, To take a generall ſurvey of the Affections and numbers of perſons, within the ſeverall Wards and Pariſhes of the City and places adjacent, by the Weekly Bill of Mortality, under three Ranks; of, *Right men*, (or the Kings party) of, *Averſe men* (or the well affected to the Parliament) of, *Moderate men*, (or Neutrals) as they called them.

Thirdly, To conſider of Arms, Ammunition, and all other Proviſions of War requiſite thereunto.

Fourthly, Out of themſelves to appoint ſome ſelect perſons to treat

with M. *Waller*, and M. *Tompkins*, with relation to the City, Court, and Parliament, as also with *Crispe*, *Roydon*, *Broome* and *Binion*; then at *Oxford*.

Master *Wallers* part in this businesse was;

First, To ingage a considerable Partie of the Lords and Commons in the Designe.

2. To be the means of conveying all Councells, Resolutions, and Intelligences between the said party of Lords and Commons, and the Committee of the Citie.

M. *Tompkins* was not onely an Assistant to M. *Waller* in the premisses, but an Instrument to convey by *Hazell*, and others, the particulars of their proceedings in the Court, by addresse principally to the Lord *Faulkland*, and to receive from Court directions, Powers, and commands, for the compleating of the work. For preventing discovery, Protestations of secrecie were taken by them to this effect, *As they were Christians, not to disclose it.* Secondly, *No man to indeavour the ingaging above two, whereby no one man could impeach many.*

The part which was acted from the Court was,

1. By M. *Herne*, *M. Alexander Hampden*, and others imployed upon Messages from the King to the Parliament, under pretence of Treaties for Peace, to convey their directions, incouragements, and Councels unto their partie in *London*.

2. To give Power and Authority by Commissions under the great Seal, by Warrants under the Kings hand; and otherwise for setling of a Councell of War; naming of Generalls (and other Officers.) Execution of Marshall Law; Raising of Moneys, and Provision of Arms and other necessaries.

3. For the disposing of some part of the Kings forces at *Oxford*, to be neer the Citie, and in readinesse to assist the Partie here, as cause should require.

The steps and degrees to bring this into Action were:

1. A Commission under the great Seal brought from *Oxford*, about a fortnight ago, by the Lady *Aubigny*, with the Authorities aforesaid, thereby inabling and commanding them by force of Arms to destroy, kill, and slay, the forces raised by the Parliament, and their Adherents as Traitors, and Rebels.

2. Severall Propositions, most of them agreed, and resolved by *Master Waller*, in behalf in the said Partie of the Lords and Commons, and the Committee of the Citie, in behalf of the Partie depending upon them, for

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the more ready and orderly execution of the designe. As first, *Concerning the number of men Armed.* Secondly, *The places where Magazines were laid, The places for Randevouz, and for retreat upon occasion, The Colours, the Marks and Tokens for distinction from others, The strength to be relied on within the walls, and without, What to be done with the Tower, Where the chief Commanders affected to the Parliament dwelt, The time of executing the designe.*

3. A Declaration was framed by them under pretence of asserting and maintaining the heads of the Protestation, thereby the better to colour mischievous intentions to the people.

4. A Messige was sent from *Oxford*, on Saterday was fortnight to acquaint the Lord *Faulkland* by *Hazel*, that the designe was come to good perfection, unto which, Answer was returned, *That they should hasten it with all speed.*

The particulars of the designe it self were:

1. To seize into their custodie the Kings Children.

2. To seize severall Members of both Houses, the Lord Major, and Committee of the *Militia*, under pretence of bringing them to a legall Tryall.

3. To seize upon the out-Works, Forts, Tower of *London*, Magazines, Gates, and other places of Importance in the Citie.

4. To let in the Kings forces to surprise the City, and to destroy all those that should oppose them by Authority of Parliament.

5. By force of Arms to resist all Payments imposed by authority of the Houses of Parliament, for the support of the Armies imployed for their just defence, and preservation of the true Protestant Religion, and Liberties of the Subject; To suspend, if not alter, the whole Government of the Citie, and with assistance of the Kings force, to awe and master the Parliament.

All which hath been made appear to both Houses of Parliament, by the Examinations and Confessions of *M. VValler*, *M. Tompkins*, *M. Challenor*, *M. Hazell*, and other persons, principall Actors in the same, now under restraint; The publication of the evidence being deferred till after their Tryall.

A true Copie of the COMMISSION under the Great Seal, sent from *Oxford* to severall persons in the City of *London*.

CHARLES *Rex.*

CHarles, *by the Grace of God, King of* England, Scotland, France, *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith, &c. To Our trusty and Welbeloved, Sir* Nicholas Crisp, *Sir* George Stroude, *Knights; Sir* Tho. Gardener, *Knight, Recorder of* London; *Sir* George Binion, *Knight*; Richard Edes *and* Marmaduke Royden, *Esquires*; Tho. Broom, *Esq*; Peter Paggon, Charles Ginnings, *Sir* Edw. Carlton, Robert Abbot, Andrew King, Will. White, Steven Boulton, Robert Alden, Edmund Foster, Tho. Blinkhorne, *of London, Gentlemen*; *And to all such other person and persons as according to the true intent and purport of these presents shall be nominated and appointed to be Generals, Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Serjeant-Majors, or other Officers, or of Our Councell of War, Greeting:*

Whereas in Our Cities of London and Westminster, and Suburbs thereof, Our Borough of Southwark, and County of Middlesex, there are raised and continued great number of Military Forces, both Horse and Foot, Who under the Command of Robert *Earl of Essex, as their Generall, and under the Conduct of divers others, pretending to derive their Authority from the two Houses of Parliament, have trayterously leavied War, and rebelled against Us their naturall Liege Lord; and many of Our Subjects have been seduced by false Informations, by the practice of a few, Who have been the contrivers of the mischievous Plots, and have joyned with them, either in person, or by ayding of them with Men, Money, Horses, or other things, and many of our good and loyall Subjects over-awed by the Power of the Rebells, have been forced to contribute to them for the maintenance of this unnaturall War; and others refusing, have been Plundered, and Robbed of their estates, and some committed to severall Prisons, and others barbarously used, contrary to the liberty of free-born men, the Laws of the Land, and contrary to all humanity; of which injuries and calamities falling upon Our good Subjects, We are very sensible, and are desirous to give relief to Our good Subjects by all the best means We can, and to resist the violence and insolencie of the Rebels and their adherents, We having no other End therein, but to preserve the*

the true Protestant Religion in the integrity and purity thereof ; To maintain the Laws of the Land, and the Liberty of Persons , and the Property of the Estates of Our Subjects, and the just Priviledges of Parliament. We have thought fit, for Our better Service, to settle a Councell of War in or about Our City of London, Who may take these things into their sad considerations Which may conduce best to this end , and to have such Commanders and Officers setled in the places aforesaid, which may both raise, govern, and leade such Forces as may be raised there.

Know ye therefore, That We , reposing speciall trust and confidence in your fidelities, industries, and good discretions, have made choise of, nominated, and appointed you to be Our Councell of War for the said Cities of London and Westminster, and Suburbs thereof, Our said County of Middlesex, and Borough of Southwarke ; And do hereby give and grant Authority to you, or any four of you , to make choice of such other able and discreet persons as you shall think fit to nominate, under the Hands and Seal of any four of you, which with your selves shall make up in all the number of Twenty one, and no more : And We do give and grant to you, or any four of you, Power and Authority, at such times , and in such places as you shall think convenient, to assemble and meet together, and there to consult, advise, and resolve of all such things, and of such wayes and meanes as you , or any four of you shall think fittest , for the raising of Forces both of Horse and Foot, either of the Inhabitants of the said Cities, County, Borough, or any the adjacent Counties or other places , Who will voluntarily associate themselves to that purpose ; And these Forces to Arm, Muster, Conduct, Order, Leade, and Govern in the places aforesaid, or in any the Counties adjacent, or elsewhere, in such manner as you your selves , or such other able and fit persons as you , or any four of you shall to that purpose appoint, according to these Presents shall think fit : And the better to effect this Our Service , We do further give and grant to you, or any four of you, Power and Authority, under your Hands and Seals, to make choice of, and appoint such a fit Person as you shall think meet, to be Captain Generall of all these Forces thus to be raised, and such other persons as you, or any four of you shall in like manner make choice of and appoint , to be Colonels , Lieutenant-Colonels , and Serjeant-Majors, over the Forces, in such manner, and in such places as you shall so appoint ; Who by vertue thereof, and by vertue of these Presents, shall have Power and Authority to do, execute, and perform all such things, which to these severall Offices and Employments, according to the Law Martiall, do belong : And We do hereby promise and grant , That With all convenient speed after We shall have notice from you , or any four of you , under your Hands

Hands and Seals, of your nomination of any person or persons Whose severall places We shall grant and confirm unto them, and every of them respectively, those severall places to which you have so nominated them as aforesaid, under Our Great Seal of England, or otherwise, as shall be reasonable devised and required of Us. And We do further by these Presents give and grant unto you full Power and Authority, by all such good Wayes as you, or any four of you, under your Hands shall agree upon, to raise Money for the clothing, arming, furnishing, and paying of all such Souldiers as shall be thus raised, and for the providing of all Ammunition, and other necessaries for the War; all which money, upon a just account, we do for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, promise, grant, and agree, Well and truely to repay, so soon as We shall be enabled thereunto; and in the mean time to secure the same to those for Our Service, and by your mediation and industry, shall lend or disburse the same. And We do further by these Presents grant, That such Generals, Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, and other Officers so by you nominated as aforesaid, shall have full Power and Authority, by vertue of these Presents, to leade and order the Souldiers severally under their Charges; and with them to fight against Our Enemies and Rebels, and them to slay and destroy, or them to save, according to the Law Martiall, or course of War: For the doing of all which, this shall be to you, them, and every of them, a sufficient Warrant; Willing and commanding all such Officers and Souldiers, Which by vertue hereof you shall retain, to obey readily, to receive and accomplish your directions, commands, and summons in all things hereto appertaining, or necessary to be done; As also all Maiors, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Commissioners of Array, and all other Our Officers and loving Subjects, to be ayding and assisting both to you, and to all such Officers and other persons Whom you shall appoint, under any four of your Hands and Seals, for the furthering and advancement of this Our especiall Service; for which, this shall be to you, to them, and every of them, a sufficient Warrant. In Witnesse whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents.

Witnesse Our Self at *Oxford*, the 16 day of *March*, in the eighteenth Yeer of Our Raign.

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